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Presidential search frustrates alliance

BY CANDICE CLAY
Panther Reporter

As evidence grows that General Julius Becton plans to leave Prairie View A&M University as president by Sept. 30, the question who will replace him lingers.

According to David Sanchez, chairman of the presidential search committee, on or about Sept. 28 the board of regents will meet to select a new president. The reason for the delay is that the board has to consider

the recent addition of Charles A. Hines, Ph.D. to the list of candidates for president of Prairie View, Sanchez said. "The search has never been closed," said Sanchez, who is also vice chancellor for academic affairs of the

...some day there won't be a Prairie View A&M, but a Texas A&M at Prairie View.

said.

Most people assumed that the final contest was between Dr. William Lester and Dr. Ashland Brown, but Sanchez said this was not true.

A&M system.

"Essentially, with presidential searches, you have to leave them open until a candidate is actually

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by Betty Iroku

President Becton speaks with faculty member and students.

New penal code brings much stiffer penalties

BY ANITA JOHNSON
Panther Reporter

The three-week-old state penal code established by the 73rd Texas Legislature implements stiffer penalties for individuals convicted of violent crimes and expands state prisons. It also slows down the "revolving door" characteristic of the prisons resulting in a reduction of the number of violent offenders released on parole.

With this new code comes more effective and economic punishment of offenders. Public safety will also be improved with this first comprehensive revision of Texas criminal laws since 1973.

In the new code, there will be tougher sentences with stiffer penalties for individuals convicted of violent crimes. This will keep them behind bars and off the streets. Under the code, offenders such as rapists, child molesters, and murderers must serve at least half of their sentence as opposed to the one-fourth minimum stated in the previous code.

Those who murder children under the age of six will be eligible

for the death penalty. Murderers who are sentenced to life imprisonment will be required to be approved by two-thirds of the members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles before being released, and must serve 30 to 40 years.

In changing the Penal Code, the members of the Legislature were challenged in two areas. First, that of reserving limited space in maximum security prisons for violent offenders; and second, in making sure that non-violent offenders, property offenders, and drug-related offenders received meaningful punishment and opportunity for rehabilitation.

Senator Jim Turner, a member of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee stated; "We met this challenge by creating a new category of offenses called 'state jail felonies' and authorizing construction of a system of 'state jails' to house individuals convicted of these offenses." The new state jails will be cheaper to build and will help relieve some overcrowding in the county jails around the state.

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by Gitonga M'mbijewe

Students battle sun to catch a glimpse of the yard show during the BET/YSB campus tour. More photos on pg. 10.

YSB editor talks black history

BY CHADWICK DAVIS &
DERALD D. POWELL
Panther Reporters

"You will not be able to make major contributions to society unless you know your history."

The Public Events Room of the John B. Coleman Library on Prairie View A&M University's campus was packed with students eager to hear words of wisdom from Frank Brown, chief editor of YSB magazine at YSB and BET's Job fair and Speakout, Saturday, Sept. 17.

"A people without knowledge of history are like a tree without roots," Brown quoted Marcus Garvey, hoping to make students understand the importance of an Afrocentric education. He stated, "In order to deal with today's social ills,

we must have knowledge of self."

He attempted to clear up some common misconceptions about YSB magazine. Brown noted that many think that YSB is a magazine only for black teens. He said that the target audience for YSB magazine is young African-Americans between the ages 16-24.

Brown remarked, "The focus of YSB is to deal with the upliftment of self-esteem, pride, and confidence in black youth. YSB is about presenting positive images. TV gives us brothers in handcuffs and brothers shooting everybody up. We want to project an image to counter these images of negativity."

He encouraged students to broaden their scope.

"Know the history of areas highly concentrated with blacks such

as Haiti and the (rest of the) Caribbean," said Brown.

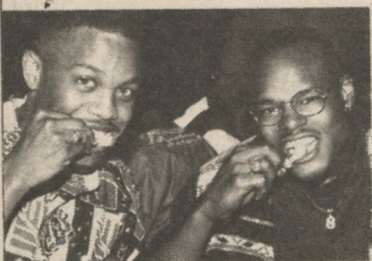
Brown challenged students to question history as it has been forced to them in high school. He said, "Columbus sailed the ocean-blue in 1492, but the presence of Africans in America was evident, even in Columbus's own documents and manuscripts."

Brown has traveled across much of Africa serving as a journalist reporting for the United Nations during the South African revolution. He commented on the mutilation of facts by the media in regard to reports done on the conditions of apartheid-stricken South Africa.

"It is important for young blacks to take an interest in the media, and to become involved," said Brown.

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NEWSDAY

Briefly

Wanted: Minority Scientists

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, (NIAID), is sponsoring a program for minority students interested in careers in biochemistry. This program offers minority students across the country an intensive four-day introduction to NIAID. The goal of the program is to increase the number of minority scientists. All participants will be provided round-trip transportation to Bethesda, Maryland and accommodations during the program. The students will also have the opportunity to apply for summer positions in the NIAID Division of Intramural Research. Applicants must have a 3.0 or better and a recommendation from deans and faculty members at their school.

For more information,

Write: NIAID
Building 31, Room 7A18
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20892
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MBA Seminar Offers Opportunities for Minorities

For minority students interested in obtaining information about management career opportunities, a free educational seminar will be held on Oct. 8, at the Double Tree-Post Oak Hotel. Destination MBA is a series of non-profit seminars co-sponsored by the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), the National black MBA Association, (NBMBA), and the National Society of Hispanic MBAs, (NSHMBA). This gives undergraduate students the opportunity to learn about business school admissions, placement, and a chance to talk to minorities who have already received their MBA and listen to their personal experiences. Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and the seminar begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon. For more information on Destination MBA, call (713) 88-5204.

A Workshop for Writers in the Brazos Valley

Brazos Writers are holding an annual workshop on Saturday, Oct. 29, in College Station. This year's workshop will feature Edwin Eakin of Eakin Press. Camille North of the Texas A&M University Press, Marcia Preston of Byline, and Dean Williamson of Dupree Miller Literacy Agency. This year's workshop is entitled, "From Print to Publication", and will provide writers the opportunity to learn criteria and methods editors and publisher use, and will offer a chance to make valuable contacts in the field of publishing. All students must pre-register by Oct. 15. Fees range from \$35 - \$50. For a registration form or more information, call (409) 696-2614 or (409) 778-3814.

Key Dates

October 1		Prairie View A&M University v. Grambling State University	
Prairie View v. Grambling State (Cotton Bowl)		Ticket Schedule	
		Notice	
October 8	Monday - 10:00-2:00	*No tickets will be sold on campus on Friday, Sept. 30 or Saturday, Oct. 1.. The final day of ticket sales on campus will be Thursday, Sept. 29.	
Deadline for registering for November elections	Tuesday - 10:00-2:00		
Prairie View v. Southern Univ. (Rice Stadium)	Wednesday - 10:00 - 2:00 4:00 - 6:00	**PV student discount tickets are only available on campus.	
October 13	Thursday - 10:00 - 2:00 4:00 - 6:00		
Overpayment		Cost	
October 19-November 4	Friday - 10:00 - 2:00 2:00 - 4:00	PV Student Discount	
Early voting period		Ticket (1 w/I.D.).....\$ 9.00	
November 8	Saturday - 9:00 - 2:00	Pre-Sale Adult Ticket.....\$ 13.00	
Election Day		Day of Game Ticket.....\$ 15.00	

People



Connie Dee Wheeler

Connie D. Wheeler is a senior chemical engineering major from Detroit, Mich. She is a very active student on campus and a member of many organizations. These include Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, Chemical Engineering Honor Society, Epsilon Gamma Iota, Inc., Alpha Lambda Omega Christian Sorority, and is the Conference Planning Chair for National Society for Black Engineers. (NSBE)

Wheeler recently received

the opportunity to work with Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, Ind., where she worked with environmental representatives on vent emission calculations. The previous summer, she worked with Exxon Chemicals here in Texas, where she gained experience in working with contact engineering in developing an Optimization Tool and monitored fouling in heat exchangers.

She is the recipient of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, an Exxon Technical Scholar, as well as a Texas AMP scholar.

Upon graduation in May of 1996, Wheeler plans on attending graduate school to receive a P.h.D. in biochemistry. She hopes to one day obtain a position with a major chemical or pharmaceutical company and feels that "with perseverance, patience, and the Lord above, all things are possible"

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NEWSDAY

Department News

Biology

The Sigma Chi Chapter of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society is beginning a mentorship program with the freshman biology majors. The mentor/mentee project will kick off with a mixer scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 28. The mixer will be held at 7 p.m. in the Harrington Science Building Auditorium 122. The purpose of the mentorship program is to ensure the success of the new biology majors through close contact with the upperclassmen in the honor society.

Tri-Beta's next major project focuses on Donor Awareness. Tri-Beta along with Life Gift Organ Donation Center and DOW Chemical Company will sponsor Donor Awareness Week from Nov. 7-Nov. 11.

Communications

Recruitment continues for the Olympic 1996 Host Broadcast Training Program at Clark Atlanta University. the

HBTP is looking for students with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 and an interest in working in an international setting. Students may be freshmen, sophomores, or juniors, but must not graduate before 1996. Students with majors in all fields will be considered. For further information and applications, contact Mrs. Carol Means, Department of Communications, Hillard Hall, Room 104, 857-2229.

Representatives from the Host Broadcast Training Program will recruit at Prairie View the week of Oct. 24. Applications should be completed before Oct. 17.

The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) will be holding their first meeting of the semester on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 3:30 p.m. in Hilliard Hall, Room 126. NABJ is open to all communication majors.

English and Foreign Language

The Department of English and

Foreign Languages in conjunction with the Creative Writing Club is looking for talented PV students who would like to have their original poetry published in the inaugural edition of the Creative Writing Journal.

This book of poems is scheduled to debut Home Coming week 1994 and will highlight the poets as well as their poetry. Students may submit up to three poems on any subject or theme, but the editors ask that each poem be typed, double-spaced, and include a brief biography that contains a current phone number.

If you are interested in submitting your poetry, please contact Mr. Robert Jones or Mr. William Chapman of the Department of English and Foreign Languages at (409) 857-4050.

Also, the Creative Writing Club will hold its first meeting on Wednesday Sept. 28 in room 242 of the New Classroom Building. All who are interested are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Faculty



Dr. Doris Price

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Doris Price, recently returned from a trip to London, Germany, Spain, Italy and Turkey. She traveled as a member of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).

Dr. Price has made many outstanding accomplishments during her professional career. One recent accomplishment is when the Mayor of Houston named a day after her, recognizing her for community service.

She presently serves on several advisory boards and was recently named to an advisory board position

on Issues Affecting Minority Women at Cornell University.

She has undertaken a major project that will involve massive communication with universities in the South. The particulars of the research will be announced after all details are finalized.

Dr. Price has a doctorate in Higher Education Administration, a masters in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology.

Dr. Price is a widow and mother of two.

Corrections

The emergency counseling phone number is 2217 and 2120 as reported in last week's edition.

Beyond The Hill

100 Days for Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela marks his first 100 days as president of S. Africa and says that his future plans are to "uncover the crimes of apartheid and begin to compensate victims of repression."

Whitney Houston stalked

The grammy award winning singer/actress Whitney Houston has recently obtained a restraining order against a man who has been stalking her for the past three years.

The first incident occurred when a man by the name of Charles Gilber, disrupted a service at the Newark, New Jersey church her family attends. Gilber was apprehended at this time.

Houston thought the ordeal

was over until Gilber sent her a postcard allegedly saying that he was the father of her new-born child and recently called her at her office, to tell her that he would be attending another service at her church. Whether police have found him at this time is unknown.

Dr. Dre Jailed for Alcohol Abuse

Dr. Dre, Grammy award winning rapper/producer, was forced to attend an alcohol education program and pay a \$1000 fine after pleading no contest to drunken driving charges. Apparently Dre led police on a chase through Beverly Hills and when he was captured failed a sobriety test. According to blood tests Dre's alcohol content was twice the state's legal limit.

Rosa Parks Beaten in Detroit Home

Civil Rights Leader, Rosa Parks was beaten and robbed in her Detroit home. Apparently that night, at about 8 p.m. she heard a noise in her house and went to investigate, and found a man in her house. Upon seeing her, he demanded money from her. As she went to get her money the man followed her and started pushing her. Parks then fell on her bed and he began to strike her in the face. According to Parks, the 28-year-old man "reeked of alcohol" and fled with nearly \$50. The man was apprehended the next day in a nearby grocery store.

Highest Paid Black Celebrities

According to Forbes Magazine, the famous talk show host/actress/producer Oprah Winfrey is the highest paid celebrity with a combined esti-

mated income for 1993 and 1994 at \$105 million. She is the first woman to head the Forbes Top 40 Entertainers list.

Other blacks listed among the elite, were Bill Cosby who ranked number 5 with \$60 million, and Michael Jackson who ranked 13 with \$38 million.

A newcomer was added to the list. Whitney Houston ranked 23rd with \$33 million.

Snoop Doggy Dog Cancels Again

The Snoop Doggy Dog concert tour that was supposed to take place Wednesday night in Philadelphia was canceled. Snoop canceled another tour exactly a year ago this month after just seven gigs. The week before, he had pleaded not guilty to murder.

Shows to Watch

"The Cosby Mystery Series"

A new show, starring Bill Cosby, who plays a rich New York detective who won the lottery. The hour long show, airs every Wednesday at 7 p.m. The show made its debut on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

At the Movies...

"Fresh"

This is another movie set in the ghettos of Brooklyn, but unlike other movies this is about a good kid in a bad neighborhood. In order to survive it is survival of the fittest, and the fittest are criminals. This movie stars Giancarlo Esposito as Fresh. Esposito previously played Julian in School Daze, by Spike Lee.

(Articles are reported in Jet magazine)

NEWSWEEK

Fall Convocation '94, Becton's Last

BY ERICA D. SANDERS
Panther Reporter

Over 1,000 students, members of faculty, and staff gathered in the university fieldhouse to hear Prairie View A&M University President, Julius Becton Jr.'s final convocation speech. The fall convocation, held on Tue., Sept. 13, featured a broad spectrum of university officials.

Becton informed the student body of new facilities at PVAMU, and the active search for his successor. "The sixth president should be the best person available, and have a commitment for a better future for the university. The candidate should have a clear vision, be able to develop an effective plan for the enhancement of student dormitories, and should have a proven track record with balancing a budget, and working with large numbers of people. The person must have a positive reputation," said Becton.

Becton also said that the student laundry facility will be expanded and have 100 washers, 50 dryers, a bending machine area, and an ATM. He also mentioned that student enrollment has decreased from 5,848 (last year), to 5,750 (this year). Many deans and university officials, also spoke at the

annual convocation.

Dr. Joahanne Thomas-Smith, provost for academic affairs, urged students to make a commitment to their college education. She said, "Associate to graduate, and attend classes regularly. We (PVAMU) see ourselves becoming a university that is internationally recognized."

Edward Martin, dean of arts and sciences, said, "One-third of the graduates in chemistry matriculate to graduate school." Martin also described the accomplishments of many of the departments such as communications, biology, theater, and foreign languages. Martin said, "More than \$1 million has been donated from the National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Energy, for research at PVAMU. The college of arts and sciences has met their objectives at the university."

Dean of the Benjamin Banneker Honors College, Dr. Jewel Prestage, discussed the shortage of Ph.D. candidates among African-Americans, and said, "Our (Banneker's) major goal is to increase the number of PVAMU graduates who choose to attend graduate school. Less than two percent of Ph.D. candidates are African-Americans. African-Americans are in short supply in terms of doctorate degrees."

Prestage also said that students don't have to be a member of the Banneker Honors College, to receive information pertaining to graduate schools. Dr. Barbara Jones, dean of the business college, further expressed the need for Ph.D. candidates. Jones said that only 15 Ph.D.s were awarded nation-wide to African-Americans in the field of business.

Dr. Mehta, dean of the education department, said, "We would not have engineers, accountants, lawyers, etc., if it were not for high school teachers, counselors, or professors."

Dr. John Foster, dean of architecture and engineering, described the many accomplishments of the engineering and architecture department. Foster said, "We (PVAMU) award 137 baccalaureate degrees in engineering. PVAMU is one out of seven HBCUs (historically black colleges and universities), who have accredited programs in computer science, in the country."

Dean of the college of human sciences and agriculture, Dr. Elizabeth Noel said, "We invite all students to visit with the college (human sciences and agriculture), to help chart their academic goals."

United States forces invade Haiti

BY CHADWICK DAVIS &
AARON DAVIS
Panther Reporters

United States warships loomed off the coast of Haiti as the threat of U.S. invasion escalated.

Faced with the dilemma of lack of support for military action in Haiti, President Bill Clinton addressed the nation on Friday, Sept. 15, at 8 p.m. He attempted to convince the American public that American intervention in

Haiti is in the best interest of not only the United States, but the rest of the world.

Clinton also said he's lost patience with trying to negotiate the return to office of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, democratically elected president of Haiti, who was ousted in 1991 by a military coup. "Haiti's military leaders are in brutal human rights violations," said Clinton and gave graphic descriptions of these accounts.

He also stated that Haiti's military is encouraging vast numbers of Haitian refugees to enter the United States, thus threatening to upset the stability of the region.

Although Clinton has made numerous threats of invasion to Haiti's military leaders, Haitian Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras said, "I am prepared to fight with my people."

Cedras, denied Clinton's charges of human rights abuse and he accused Aristide of committing the same crimes. Clinton stressed that national security, U.S. credibility, and economic issues are on the line. However, he failed to effectively expand on the specific financial concerns the United States has in Haiti.

Overall, reports show that

HEALTH SECURITY



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Health Care Reform '94

Health care is a major concern for everyone, especially college students. Unfortunately everyone cannot afford health insurance but with President Bill Clinton's health care reform program, everyone will be insured.

A large number of insurance companies only carry students for a limited amount of years and coverage available is often limited.

President Clinton has proposed a health care plan that will provide insurance for everyone, unlimited health care. Clinton's primary concern before the elections was health care and is a priority on his list.

After diligent work, careful research and gathering statistics, the final product: Health Care Reform '94.

The new plan will provide five areas of coverage:

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Young adults, the largest percentage of the entire population, are urged to support the new health care plan. The health care plan will not discriminate under any circumstances.

Health care costs have escalated over the past several year. Each American insured under Clinton's new plan will be protected.

The diagram below illustrates the amount of money individuals will have to pay in order assure their protection. Payments are based on the number of persons per household.

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Two Parent Family With Children	\$0-\$180	\$76	\$0-\$91	\$73
Single Parent Family With Children	\$0-\$180	\$76	\$0-\$80	\$64
Married Couple With No Children	\$0-\$180	\$76	\$0-\$80	\$64
Single Person	\$0-\$60	\$25	\$0-\$40	\$32

*Preliminary average estimates based on 1994 numbers; will vary from state to state

Clinton still has not gained the support of the majority of Congress and the American public.

Nevertheless, U.S. troops were poised to invade Haiti late Sunday, Sept. 18. But before U.S. troops could launch their attack, Haitian military leaders agreed to step aside and allow peaceful American intervention.

A U.S. delegation to Haiti led by former President Jimmy Carter was

instrumental in negotiating with Cedras to step down from power by mid-October.

U.S. military forces were sent into Haiti anyway as peacekeepers. However, when they arrived Monday, soldiers were ordered not to intervene in domestic confrontations. As a result, soldiers were forced to watch as Haitian police brutally beat demonstrators. Several were seriously injured, and one death has been

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One of PV's own overseas

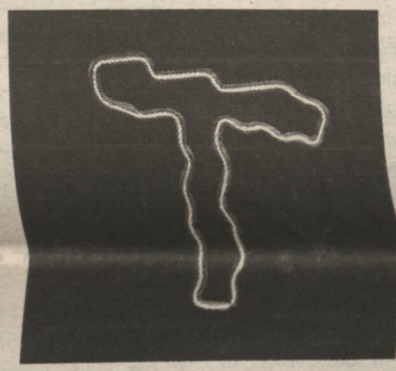
Among the many women serving over-seas is one of Prairie View's very own, Nikki Jefferson. Jefferson is a recent graduate of the accounting and the NROTC programs. Jefferson was among a party who welcomed the Department of Defense Advisory Committee on Women In the Services (DACOWITS), in Rota, Spain.

Jefferson won the hearts of the DACOWITS members, and took pictures with them. Jefferson extends her well wishes to everyone, and say's a special hello to Dr. Sid Credle. Jefferson is looking forward to returning to her home in Houston, Tx next year.

Panther has new look

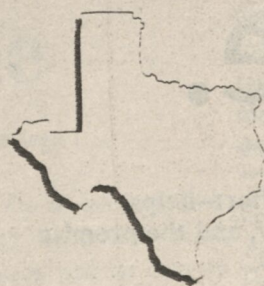
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Editor-in-Chief



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University staff gather to honor "Matress Mac"

"Matress Mac" at PVAMU

BY LASHONDA WILLIAMS
Panther Staff

Houston area entrepreneur and owner of Gallery Furniture, Jim McIngvale ("Matress Mac") visited Prairie View A&M University, Friday, Sept. 8. MacIngvale did not come alone, in fact he brought a host of furniture, donated to KPVU Radio Station.

McIngvale has a track record for being a generous contributor to many organizations. In fact in produced, "SideKicks", which starred Chuck Norris and Joe Piscopo.

McIngvale, continuing his tradition, will be donating furniture to

the Waller County area public radio station. MacIngvale's presentation of the furnishings was aired on KPVU's talk show, "Partners in Progress"

KPVU station manager, Lori Gray said, she was pleased that McIngvale would take interest in KPVU and serving the Waller county area. Development Officer, Carol Campbell, added, she hopes "Matress Mac Day" will allow students and staff appreciate the growth and efforts of KPVU..."

Prairie View A&M President, Julius Becton, presented McIngvale with a plaque noting the date of the donation and declaration of "Matress Mac Day", Sept. 8, 1994.



ROTC award-winning tradition continues.

Panther Pride and Excellence

Seven of Prairie View's ROTC Cadets went to Advanced Camp '94 this summer at Ft. Lewisa Washington. They competed with cadets from across the United States in several high speed training exercises.

Two are from Nursing ROTC Program in Houston, and the rest are from the ROTC Program here. These seven cadets are without a doubt, worthy of praise and they are: Sharon Bradley (clinical), Joe Caldwell, Willie Garfield, Tamara Hunt, Jon Lasell, Erwin Williams (clinical), and Robert Williams.

The Mighty Panther Battalion does more than send cadets to an advanced camp each summer, it also sends qualifying cadets to school each year, on 3-4 year scholarships.

Uncle Sam awarded eight PV students with scholarships this year. They are: Honre' Bell, Earl Doyle, Rochester Green, Charles Harris, Walt Mathis, Micheal Mc Clung, Darrell Nickson, and Pellum.

CONGRATULATIONS! To our Advanced Camp Cadets and our scholarship recipients. Panther Pride And Leadership Excellence!

Mandatory Residents Meeting

BY DEMETRIS L. HOLDEN
Panther Staff

The mandatory meeting for residents held Sept. 15 in the Baby Dome addressed many of the concerns of Prairie View A & M University's on-campus population.

Light was shed on improvements regarding the housing situation, the main concern of the residents.

Poor housing conditions definitely exist, but after the meeting things are beginning to look a lot brighter. A.D. Aldridge, dean of men for student affairs and his panel explained to the student body how

things have changed.

Aldridge informed the student body that during the summer 174 rooms and hallways were painted. He also said, 72 showers were installed, and all broken TVs were replaced with new ones. This maybe true, but some freshmen think those problems have not yet been resolved.

Roy Adams, an 18-year-old communications major said, "I think they told us what we wanted to hear. They might try to fix things up but it is next to impossible. It is like saying we want World Peace but that's not going to happen either."

Similarly, Jamaud Lester, a freshman, thinks nothing is being done

about these problems. "In order to get anything done you have to start from the bottom and go to the top. I have a friend who does not even have lights in his restroom and nothing has been done about it yet."

Although it seems nothing is being done about housing, there really is. Maintenance men have been working diligently to get the job done. The process may be slow, but they are making an effort to get things done.

"What people don't understand is that housing is not state-funded. There are also people that think Texas A & M contributes to the cost of PV's housing. This statement is not

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NEWSWEEK

DOE Manager Visits PVAMU

Johnson Pennywell, Prairie View A&M University director of school relations and career placement, was all smiles recently as his department hosted a visit from program manager, Dr. Oree Dyes, of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Dyes is a manager of the Wind/Hydro/Ocean Division of DOE and therefore came to PV to conduct a series of lectures to the PVAMU pre-college program for high school students.

Dr. Dyes is a senior program manager in the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office where he is responsible for programs in the area of Solar Electric Technologies. He previously served in the DOE as Director of Technology Applications for the MX Missile Program and the Deputy Director of the Southwest District Office in Los Angeles.

With a Ph.D. in engineering management from the University of California, a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University, Dr. Dyes says that, "It is important that historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) receive a greater share of the total of research dollars available through agencies such as the Department of Energy." Dyes, who has a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from PVAMU, has dedicated the past year to trying to help HBCUs to be aware of and to make use of grantsmanship opportunities in research.

Dr. Dyes has received

awards for his outstanding contributions to the Air Force Rocket Propulsion Laboratory, as a fellow of the Center for Advanced Engineering Study at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and as a Kennedy Fellow at Harvard.

Every summer PVAMU sponsors high school and pre-college programs designed to introduce children to business and sciences. Agencies such as the DOE provide funding for MITE, SCOPE and other similar programs.

Hylton G. McWhinney, of the PVAMU department of chemistry, has been appointed to the position of "affiliate staff scientist" to the US

DOE at the Battle Pacific Northwest Laboratory.

According to a university memo, "This appointment comes about as a result of ongoing collaborative efforts between myself and other scientists employed by the laboratories," said McWhinney.

According to the memo "collaborative efforts are underway in the areas of waste stabilization, solidification and waste reduction in waste streams.

"Potential gains for the institution from this appointment lie in the areas of summer student internships at the laboratory and collaborative research grants and contracts between the university and the laboratory."

program at Prairie View, was very insightful concerning this new revision of the Penal Code. Being on the panel for the seminar concerning the New Texas Penal Code he said; "Certain types of non-violent first-time offenders, as opposed to being automatically jailed, will receive probation." He went on to discuss the positive aspects of the revision by saying, "In the revision violent offenders will have to serve more of their original sentence for the crimes committed, causing citizens to have less cause to worry about so many early releases due to lack of facility for housing."

In addition, an expansion of the state prisons has been authorized by the Legislature. State contractors have completed construction of 15,000 emergency prison beds. Another 14,000 beds should be completed soon in facilities for "substance abuse felony punishment." In the new jail system 22,000

Student Government Association Debates



Photograph by Ryan Clark
Rashaan Patterson

BY NICOLE N. JOHNSTON
Panther Staff

The first in a series of Student Government Association (SGA) debates was held in the MSC ballroom, Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m.

The debates were between presidential candidates—Kevin Jones and Gary Floyd, as well as vice-presidential candidates of which there was only one—Rashaan Patterson.

The other two candidates for vice president, Dareus Starr and Adrian Collins, were unable to continue their campaigns due to misunderstandings of the qualifications for election eligibility.

Floyd, a senior political science major, detailed his plans, should he be elected SGA president, clearly and succinctly.

He intends to implement new ways of generating and maintaining interest in the SGA.

Some of the strategies he intends to implement are: posting flyers for each meeting, as well as a bulletin of tentative SGA meeting dates, and

developing a better rapport with the student body while recruiting for new representatives and members. He also plans to do regular surveys of student body concerns in an effort to better represent the students and address their problems.

Floyd placed emphasis on leadership and professionalism, and said that, "Leadership should foster professionalism, he said, 'We can save a lot of time if we just do things right.'"

Regarding professionalism, he said, "I have a commitment to academics. I have seven semesters with not less than a 3.0 while being very active in Prairie View. Scholarship and leadership go together."

Floyd has also been president of the PV chapter of the NAACP for three years.

Jones, a senior engineering major, who has been an SGA senator for the past 18 months, believed that, "...there comes a time when you must stand up and face your responsibilities," and said that he is, "...now willing to go to war for you (the student body)."

Jones plans to make the students more aware of the happenings and the workings of the SGA, as well as establishing a working co-existence between the student body and faculty. He believes that we can, "...come together to make things work."

Jones also plans to boost school pride in an attempt to eliminate the pervading sense of apathy on the campus. He reiterated the sad fact that many PV students still do not know the alma mater.

He ended with the poem, "The Test of a Man", which starts by saying that the test of a man is in the fight he makes. Jones served his country in Desert Storm 1992.

Patterson, the vice-presidential candidate, addressed questions posed by current SGA president Kenna Young.

Patterson's perception of the two major concerns on PV's campus is the administrative-student body relationship, and the campus' inaccessibility to physically challenged students. She intends to be active in addressing these problems among others if she is elected.

Patterson's goal is "...to make us, as students, a viable force...to be reckoned with."

She intends to make herself familiar with the new administration in order to better represent the student body and to attempt to have radio talk shows so the students will become more familiar with the SGA. Because, as she said, hardly anyone knows the representatives or even bothers to vote at the elections.

The first general meeting of the SGA is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Baby Dome, and the elections will be in Alumni Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Voting will be by class.

Some of the other candidates present at the debates were: Kenrick Narcisse, who's running for vice president for administrative affairs; Christopher Knight, candidate for senior class president; and Sedrick Scott, candidate for freshman class representative.

Code

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With the revisions in the Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure, judges will be able to impose a broad range of sanctions on individuals convicted of state felonies. First-time offenders will be placed on probation. Yet, the sentencing judge can require offenders to serve one month in county jail, or two months in the state jail before putting them on probation.

Judges can also require offenders to enroll in educational or vocational programs, and to receive substance abuse treatment. Jurisdiction over these offenders will be in the hands of the judges until the sentence is completed.

Ronald D. Server, coordinator of the Criminal Justice

inmates should be able to be housed by the end of next year. By September 1995, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice will have more than 150,000 new beds.

Finally, parole officials have slowed down the "revolving door" in our state prisons. Many inmates, including violent offenders, were paroled in the past after only serving a fraction of their sentence. This was done in an effort to make room for the new inmates. However, over the past three years, the number of paroles has decreased dramatically.

In 1990 more than 38,000 inmates were paroled. In 1993, although the prison system had grown, the number of parolees shrunk to 18,887, which is a reduction of 50 percent.

Although much remains to be done in other areas, the Senate Criminal Justice Committee is making great efforts towards making our state a safer place to live.

Haiti

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police brutally beat demonstrators. Several were seriously injured, and one death has been confirmed.

U.S. military commanders warned Haitian police against any

more mistreatment of demonstrators. To ensure cooperation, Lt. Gen. Hugh Shelton, the U.S. Commander in Haiti, met with Cedras Wednesday to talk about stopping the violence.

Although the situation in Haiti has stabilized, massive redistribution of power must occur before ousted president Aristide can return.

Meeting

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true," said Aldridge.

It's going to take a while because there are limited funds. Most students think the first step has been taken. The meeting also explained the right way to handle maintenance problems. Instead of calling your parents every time there is a problem, you must sign a list so that the problem can be recognized.

After the housing and residence meeting, students had the

opportunity to stay and be entertained by two choirs and a guest speaker. The Baptist Student Movement (BSM) and The Anointed Choir rendered songs of praise. Rocelyn Holloway, a guest soloist, sung "Amazing Grace" beautifully.

Prairie View Police Chief Rayford Stephens spoke to students about the living Bible which is ourselves. While speaking to us he enforced the importance of Pride. Stephens concluded by saying that if each of us could uplift ourselves by respecting others we will do well by whomever we serve.

BLACK HISTORY

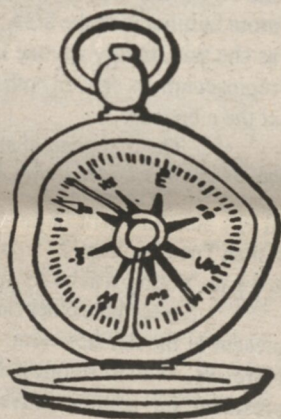
MORE THAN JUST A MONTH AT PV

Benjamin Banneker

BY CANDICE Y. CLAY
Panther Reporter

Benjamin Banneker was a self-taught amateur mathematician and astronomer. He assisted in the survey of the Federal Territory (which is now the District of Columbia) in 1791, and calculated ephemerides for almanacs for the 1792 - 1797.

Banneker was born on Nov. 9, 1731, near the Patasco River in Baltimore County, Md. His father was a freed Negro slave named Robert, and his mother was Mary Banneky, the daughter of Bannka (or Banneka), a freed Negro slave, and an indentured Englishwoman named Molly Welsh.



Having no surname of his own, Banneker's father, Robert, took his wife's surname at the time of their marriage. He was industrious and managed to purchase first a 25-acre lot and then a 100-acre farm with his savings. He built his own log house, cleared the fields, and planted them in tobacco. Banneker grew up and spent the remainder of his life on that farm. His grandmother taught him how to read and write with a Bible she had imported from England. He attended a nearby country school for several seasons but received no further formal education. He enjoyed reading, and with such few books as he could borrow or occasionally purchase, he taught himself in literature, history and mathematics during the leisure hours after work on his father's farm.

Banneker had a natural gift for mathematics, and even as a boy he collected and created mathematical puzzles. At the age of about twenty-one he constructed a successful striking clock, carved from wood with a pocket knife, without ever having seen one. The clock operated for more than forty years, until the time of his death, and

was a subject of considerable interest throughout the entire region.

The event that most affected Banneker's life occurred about 1771, when five Ellicott brothers, Quakers from Bucks County, Penn., purchased a large tract of land adjoining his farm and developed it into a major center for the production of wheat and the milling of flour. He was befriended by the young son of one of the following brothers, George Ellicott, who had an interest in the sciences, and from whom he derived his first interest in astronomy after observing astronomical presentations made by George at the Mills. In 1789 Ellicott loaned Banneker several of his texts on which he could study. Without further assistance or guidance, Banneker taught himself in astronomy from the texts at hand. He compiled an ephemeris for the year 1791 to be incorporated into an almanac, and although he submitted it to several printers it was not published. Meanwhile he continued his self-studies and learned how to use astronomical and surveying instruments.

Banneker came to the attention of surveyor Maj. Andrew Ellicott, a cousin to the Ellicott family. During a visit to the mills in route to the Territory that President Washington appointed to A. Ellicott to survey a ten-mile square, now known as the District of Columbia. Ellicott arranged for Banneker to accompany him to the Federal Territory to work as his scientific assistant for a short period until his brothers could join him. Banneker contributed by recording astronomical observations, maintaining the field astronomical clock, and compiling other data as required by the surveyor as the project progressed. When Ellicott's brothers arrived to assist him, Banneker went back to his far.

Banneker's experiences in the field made him even more interested than ever in astronomy, and after his return to the farm he calculated an ephemeris for the following year. It was brought to the attention of the Pennsylvania and Maryland abolition societies, by the Ellicott family. With their sponsorship and support, it was published in Baltimore. Banneker sent a manuscript copy of his ephemeris to Thomas Jefferson, who was then secretary of state, urging the abolition of slavery. The exchange of letters between Banneker and Jefferson was published as a separate pamphlet through the offices of the abolition societies at the same time the almanac appeared, and received wide publicity, which helped

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BLACK HISTORY

MORE THAN JUST A MONTH AT PV

BY BRIDGETT MCGOWEN
Panther Reporter

Rosa Parks, lives as an important figure in African-American history. Parks was born Feb. 4, 1913. In Tuskegee, Ala. Parks remains an important figure in African-American history.

Parks attended a private girls' school named, Montgomery Industrial School, and married a barber named Raymond Parks in 1952. In 1955, Parks was employed at a Montgomery department store, as a tailor's assistant.

She remained active as a civic and civil rights leader. Parks' attendance at a summer institute at the Highlander Folk School, in Tenn., proved to be an influential force in her life. The folk school was an integrated institution, which distinguished itself as a training center for social activists.

During the 1940s and 1950s, Parks served as the secretary of the Montgomery chapter of the NAACP,

and the Alabama State Conference of the NAACP branches. Parks organized the Montgomery NAACP Youth Council, and served as adviser.

Parks also served as a member of the National Committee to Save the Scottsboro Boys, and the African Methodist Episcopal Church. On Dec. 1, 1955, Parks refused to allow a White man to gain access to her seat, while riding a Montgomery Ala. bus.

This action by Parks, led to the invitation of the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the founding of the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA). Parks became the recipient of the 1979 Spingarn Medal from the NAACP, and the 1980 Martin Luther King Jr. Nonviolent Peace Prize.

Recently Parks was mugged in her home. For more details see Beyond The Hill on page 3.

(Source of information : John B. Coleman Library. Photo by Alex Torres.)



Banneker

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the almanac's distribution.

The first almanac featured a biographical sketch by Sen. James McHenry, who described Banneker's station and achievements as new evidence in support of the arguments against Negro Slavery. "I consider this Negro as a fresh proof that the powers of the mind are disconnected with the color of the skin," he wrote. Banneker's ephemeris for the year 1793 was published by Goddard and Angell and in separate editions by printers in Philadelphia. The publication of Banneker's almanacs terminated with issue of 1797, probably a result of diminishing interest in the abolition movement. Yet he still computed ephemerides for almanacs each year until 1804.

Although not affiliated with any denomination, Banneker was a deeply religious man all his life. Throughout his life he was greatly respected by all who knew him. He was described as being of a complexion "not jet black, but decidedly negro," and having "a most benign and thoughtful expression." His figure was perfectly erect, showing no inclination to stoop as he advanced in years. Others who knew him noted that "He was very precise in conversation and exhibited deep reflection. His deportment ... was perfectly upright and correct, and he seemed to be acquainted with everything of importance that was passing in the country."

Banneker died on Oct. 9, 1806, a month short of his seventy-fifth birthday. It was a Sunday, and on that morning he had gone for a walk on his farm. He met an acquaintance and while they talked he felt suddenly unwell. He returned to his house and retired to his bed. A short time later he was dead. He was buried two days later in the family burial plot on his farm. While the burial was in progress, his house caught on fire burned to the ground with everything in it. There was some memorabilia that were preserved, such as his accounts, notes and his manuscript astronomical journal.

During the century and a half that followed Banneker's death his memory was kept alive by writers who described his achievements as the first Negro American man of science.

(Reference material *The Life of Benjamin Banneker* by Silvio A. Bedini.)

In coming issues, look for...



...stories about other people in Black history.

CAMPUS LIFE

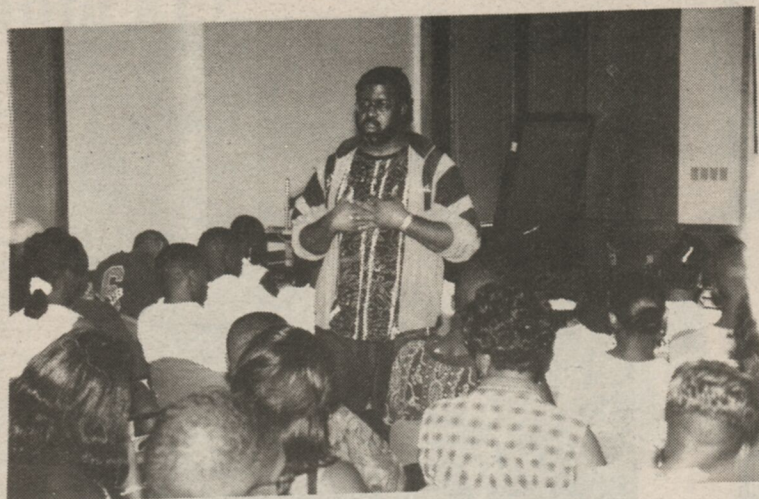
Chillin' On The Hill

BROWN

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He commented on the usage of derogatory terms in our everyday conversation. Even though Black youths use these names as terms of endearment, Brown remarks, "We need to get away from using words like 'bitch' and 'nigga'. These words tear at the very fabric that holds our communities together."

Brown repeatedly made references to the importance of blacks taking genuine interest in community. He exposes a common social ill of the black community in this statement. "We need to be community-minded. There is nothing wrong with being aggressive but there is something



BY GITONGA M'MBIJEW
YSB editor Frank D. Brown speaks to PV students in the public events room.

wrong with being singular-minded. When you talk about 'me-ism' as compared to us."

Brown stated that blacks have made giant steps toward complete liberation. However, he feels we still have a long way to go. "Paths we need

to take are not clear because we don't know where we've been."

"It offends me to think that black folk have not fought to preserve our culture. We've allowed others to steal it from us," said Brown.

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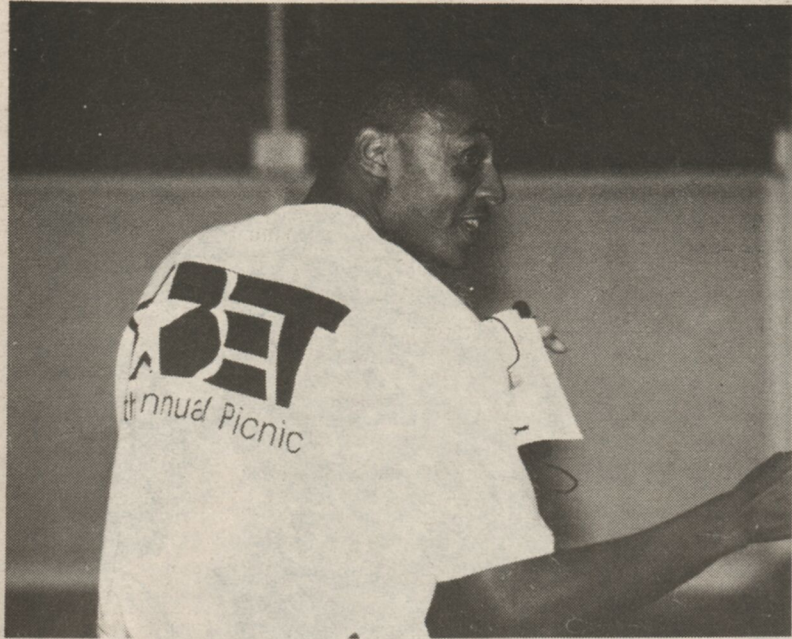
Cheerleaders pose with the big money after the game.



Panther mascot says "What's Up" to the crowd.

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CAMPUS LIFE



by GITONGA M'MBIJEWE

"Look out now" say's the new host of BET's Rap City while on PV's campus.



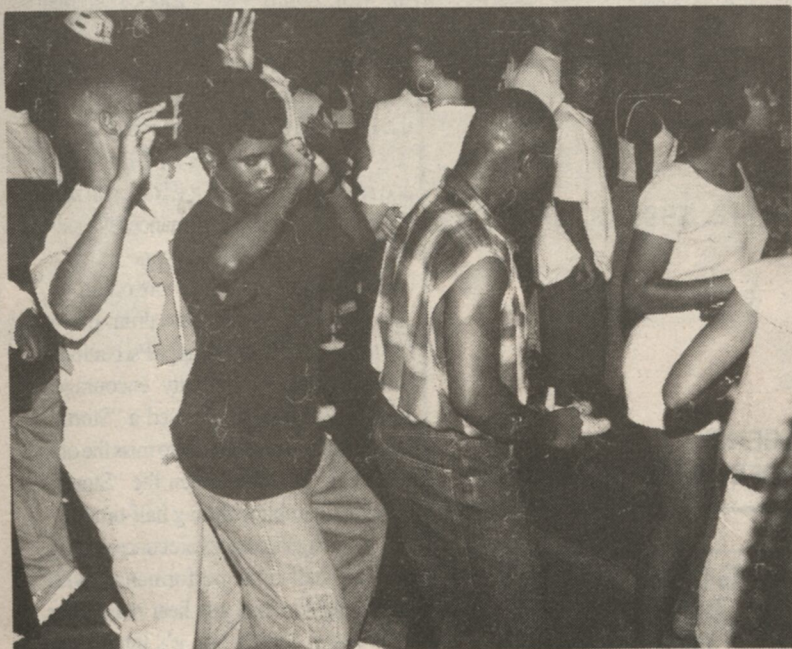
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I wish they would come on. Always on Colored People's time.



The YSB banner waves proudly on campus.

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Awe silky, silky now. I know I'm grooving.



by Lori Williams

Girl, clothes sure get funky after being in a closet for two weeks.

LIFESTLYES

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Globetrotters come to PV

BY PAUL MASTERSON
Panther Staff

Party at President's House Birthdays between June & Sept.	September 25
SGA General Meeting University Field House	September 26
SGA Elections	September 27
PV vs. Grambling Dallas, TX	October 1
PV vs. Southern Houston, TX	October 8
Male Female Seminar L.O. Evans Hall	October 14

The goodwill ambassadors of basketball brought their stylistic form of the sport to Prairie View A&M University's campus in a benefit game.

For over 70 years the world famous legendary Harlem Globetrotters have been entertaining crowds all over the world from the backwoods of Texas to the arctic cold of Siberia.

Formed in the '20s, the group comprised of young men from Harlem, New York who together formed a league of their own because blacks at that time weren't allowed to play in the NBA.

In a recent promotional stop in Texas, some of the former members played against local celebrities and PV students in a basketball exhibition for charity.

The game was classic globetrotter style. Everything from the tossing of water into the audience, arguing with the officials, and imitating the university cheerleaders. Nobody was exempted from the shenanigans of the "clown princes" of basketball.



Friendly passes and handshakes among Globetrotter and PVU Intramural players.
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"The Box" on TV

By ANGEL BROWN
Panther Staff

Prairie View's Marching Storm is taking care of business this year. The Storm returned with new uniforms, won \$1,000 during their first half-time performance and now they're on T.V.!

The percussion section known as "The Box" was filmed by YSB Magazine Saturday, Sept. 17, in front of the MSC during YSB's Black Historical College Tour. The Box's performance consisted of a few cadences and a drum feature from their last performance during the PV and TSU half-time show.

Section leader of "The Box", and snare drum player, Joe Bursleson said, "During all of our performances we save the best for last and everyone needs to come out and support us more often."

Curtis Pruitt, bass drum player and member of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity encourages those who haven't witnessed a "Storm" half-time performance not to miss the one on Oct. 1, in Dallas when the "Storm" takes on Grambling during half-time.

Right now they are concentrating on their half-time performance with Grambling so when you hear noise after hours and it sounds like it's thundering outside it's just a tropical storm before the big one hits in Dallas, Oct. 1.

LIFESTYLES

The Sexy Bald Look

Rise in Crime at PV and TSU

By PAUL MASTERSON
Panther Staff

The hairstyle of the black male has changed tremendously over the past two decades. The '70s gave us the classic afro look while the early '80s had the drip of the jherri curl soaking our scalps.

The middle and late '80s had brothers wearing low cut fades, but the '90s has brought yet another style which the black male can add to his list of trend setting styles.....the bald look.

The bald look is the newest craze among black males around the country and on the campuses of black colleges and universities.

With the popularity of people such as comedian John Henton (of TV's Living Single) and tennis player Malivia Washington, who both sport the bald look, the black male has found a new way in defining style.

On Prairie View's campus, the phenomena is just as popular and ever growing. Why such the sudden interest

in going bald ?

One PV student said that he shaved his head for economical purposes, as well as style. Another student was quoted as saying, "I shaved my head because I didn't want to be bothered with combing or brushing my hair in the morning. And it keeps your head cool during the summer months."

From a females perspective, the baldness brings out the sexual appeal of the black male even more. "He (the black male) is already sexy and that baldness brings out more of his sexuality especially if he's smooth and dark," said a female student.

No matter what the reason is for him shaving his head, the black male has created a new look for himself. Whether it's for the convenience of not having to comb his hair, keeping his head cool, making a political statement, or just keeping with the trends, the look is definitely becoming the norm among black males in today's pop culture.

BY NICHELLE HARDY
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University and Texas Southern University have been recognized for topping a statewide survey that measured violent crimes on campus.

A recent article in the Oct. 6 issue of the Houston Chronicle noted that TSU and PV led all Texas colleges in violent crimes on campus in 1992, the third year both schools ranked at the top.

The article, "TSU, PV and UH top survey of violent crime," listed that TSU reported 39 incidents of rape, followed by PV with 27 and UH with 20.

Willie Tempton, assistant to the vice president for finance and administration at PV made a statement in the June 1993 issue of Campus Security Report regarding the accuracy of violent crimes

reported by colleges:

"Someone is going to have to take a look at what all the universities are doing, what their interpretations of the regulations are and how much is being reported. I'm aware of surveys done by the media that suggest maybe some of us aren't doing as well in reporting as we should be. They found that those universities with a rape crisis center often had a substantial disparity between the figures released from that department and those released from the police department."

Senior elementary education major Nicole Hardy had a similar response. "I don't think you can compare PV and TSU statistics to other schools who may not even report all of their crime cases. All universities should have the same crime reporting policy to avoid covering up crimes that occur."

On a more positive note, the

Campus Security Report lists actions that PV is taking to curtail its high campus crime rate.

Immediate strategies include implementation of crime awareness programs, construction of a mail drop on campus, construction of an information booth near the main entrance, installation of an emergency telephone system, institution of an escort service and a lighting survey of the campus.

Both PV and UH reported significant improvement in 1993. TSU numbers have only worsened.

Asked to comment on the crime rate of PV, Chief Rayford Stevens, Department of Public Safety, said, "We are encouraged about our (PV's) own efforts. The department is working in conjunction with the university's disciplinary officer Sanderson Woods in responding to crimes. We hope the present decline in criminal behavior will continue."

Letmeseeyatootsieroll!

BY CHADWICK DAVIS
Panther Reporter

Take a pinch of Delta, AKA, Rhos and Zeta. Plus, half a cup of Nupe, Omega, Sigma, and Alpha. Cook it up in the excitement left over from the yard

show earlier that evening, and let it marinate in YSb, BET, and PV's faithful party crowd. This recipe added up to fun and good times as Polo, Guess, Tommy Hilffiger, Girbaud, Nike, K-Swiss, and Adidas invaded PV's Baby Dome 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, and did

the tootsie-roll 'til about 2 a.m. Sunday.

"It was kinda hype, but it seemed too short. Then again, I only remember seeing a few people," said party analyst Gordy McIlveen.

While dancing dominated the night's activities, party people took a brief intermission to hear "WHO WAS KICKING MAD FLAVORS IN YA EAR!"

A freestyle rap contest featured PV rappers during an open mic session. A young "hipster" who called herself Shay was the highlight of the session. The dance floor was filled with comments like, "Hey, that's Rage up there!"

That's a nice compliment coming from your peers, flow on Shay. Rappin', freakin', and mackin' were the night's main events. Some students were content to just watch the action from the stands. BET had cameras on hand, capturing all the action. They plan to feature PV on an upcoming broadcast of Rap City. (Date to be announced.)

"It was alright. I wish I could see more new faces at our parties. There were more people at PV's dance party than at TSU's," said junior engineering major Robbin Mouton.

Whether you were a brother patrolling the dance floor collecting phone numbers, or a sister checking out all those guys in the tootsie-roll contest, it was a festive night.



DO YOU WRITE POETRY?

The Panther is sponsoring a poetry contest to highlight the abundance of talent and writing skills at PV. If you think you have the right stuff bring your poetry to the second floor of Hilliard Hall Panther news offices.

****All entries are subject to be published in The Panther.**

LOOK

FOR PRESIDENT'S BECTON'S FINAL INTERVIEW IN THE NEXT EDITON OF THE PANTHER.

PV Top Ten

MUSIC

- 1. Bending Knee.....Boyz II Men
- 2. Thuggish Ruggish Bone.....Thugs 'N' Harmony
- 3. Tootsie Roll..... 69 Boyz
- 4. Body & Soul..... Anita Baker
- 5. Your Love is a 187..... Whitehead Brothers
- 6. Juicy..... Notorious B.I.G.
- 7. This DJ..... Warren G
- 8. Southernplayalisticadillacfunkymusic.....Outkast
- 9. Fantastic Voyage..... Coolio
- 10. Funkdafied..... Da Brat

LIFESTYLES

Deal or steal ?

BY TRANISHA WALLACE
Panther Staff

Alright P.V. students, you make the call. U.S. Sprint is now offering an instant phone card to college students across the country. That's right, no bills, no pay telephones and

Is this new Sprint card a deal or a steal? If you like giving your money away then the instant phone card is ideal. On the other hand, if you're an average college student with little money and many calls to make, invest in a card where you are not constantly donating money to a company that does not need it.

The best thing for most is setting aside particular days and times to make calls home. That way if the parent knows that their child is going to call they will be there to receive it.

In either case, students need to decide what plan works best for them. In a semester, long distance calls can get very expensive. But all students need to be aware of their options because in college, money usually goes more than it comes.



no operators. All students need to do is go to the bookstore and pay cash for a card. Sprint offers these cards at \$5, \$10, and \$20 values.

Sounds like a great deal ? Well, look again. What Sprint fails to mention about these cards is the cost per minute. The cost per minute on a \$5 card is 60 cents. So, how far does 60 cents go on a five dollar card? Only about eight minutes. The \$20 card on the other hand is a little cheaper per minute. On a \$20 card the cost per minute is 53 cents. This gives students 38 uninterrupted minutes of conversation.



Campus crime awareness

Classes begin at Prairie View A & M and unfortunately so does the opportunity for crime. This crucial time should be filled with settling in your room, getting acquainted with your roommates and instructors, learning your way safely around campus and class assignments.

Already on our campus there have been cases reported to the Department of Public Safety of weapons, alcohol, drug possession, theft, burglary, disorderly conduct and more.

"PRIDE" seems to be the number one motto this semester. Let's take "PRIDE" in making our campus number one in Crime Awareness. We need our "partners" (faculty, staff and students) help in achieving this. see that seems suspicious or against University policy or state law. Without our "partner" help, we, at the Department of Public Safety are only called when a crime has already occurred - and all we can do then is investigate the crime. With little or no leads in solving the crime, another criminal is not identified.

Remember, it could be YOU or your possessions next.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
CRIME AWARENESS

The Ten-Point College Safety Test

1. How professional is the school's safety division? At the University of Wyoming in Laramie, safety officers are fully trained and work around the clock.
2. Does the college have an emergency telephone number? The University of Portland in Oregon has a 511-number students can call in emergencies.
3. How does the school provide an escort service? The University of Central Florida in Orlando hires part-time students escorts who must submit to police background checks.
4. How does the school manage lock security? St. Olaf college in Northfield, Minnesota, has a full-time locksmith on staff.
5. Does the school have a formal policy for notifying students of serious crimes on or near campus? Wake Foresty University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has a campus telephone line that provides weekly summaries of campus crime.
6. How comprehensive is the student safety program? Is it just an hour of basics during freshman orientation or a continuous effort to

increase safety awareness?

7. Does the college help students register their valuables? DePaul University in Chicago loans power engravers to students for making personal I.D. numbers on valuables.
8. Will security personnel help students with broke-down or locked cars? The University of Michigan at Dearborn sends security officers out to help stranded students.
9. Does the school try to control alcohol abuse? Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont, has party monitors to maintain order at parties.
10. Does the school have a counseling program for students experiencing alcohol or drug problems, sexual assault, or depression? The safety brochure of the University of Missouri in Columbia includes a list of on-and-off-campus sources for counseling.

The strategies discussed include how to find a safe apartment, how to avoid sexual assault, how to stay out of trouble when drinking, the pros and cons of personal defense aids, and how students can protect themselves on and off campus.

Crime At College: The Student Guide To Personal Safety
by Curtis Ostrander and Joseph Schwartz

Former Black Panther speaks in Houston

Former Black Panther and rights activist and his book "Anarchism political prisoner Lorenzo Kom'boa and the Black Revolution". The event Ervin will be speaking in Houston on starts at 5 p.m. and there is a suggested Sunday, Oct. 2, at Diverse Works (1117 admission donation of \$3.

Eastex Freeway). He will discuss his During the 1960s, he was a experience as a political prisoner, civil member of the Student Nonviolent

Coordinating Committee and of the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense. In 1968, following riots in Chattanooga that preceded the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. a so-called "Black Power" grand jury was convened on whether to charge Ervin with running guns and explosives at the riot. Ervin was in Atlanta during the riot, however, and was nowhere near Chattanooga. When the grand jury itself was convened, Ervin was charged with unlawful flight because he happened to be out of the state at the time.

Ervin was convicted of hijacking in 1971 and served time in several different prisons, including the infamous Marion Control Unit in Marion, Illinois. While jailed, he became disillusioned by state socialism and the Marxist-Leninist tendencies that had influenced the Panthers. He explored the concept of anarchism. In 1979, while still in jail, Ervin authored the book "Anarchism and the Black Revolution"—the first writing of a Black anarchist. Ervin was released

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HOROSCOPES

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) *Reliable transportation is important. Compaq pays well, but it's a long walk from Tomball.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) *Things worth working for are the things worth having. Love takes time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) *Remember why you are in college, not kindergarten. Your senior year is too late for starting over.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) * Listen to a trusted friend about money. There will be another party, but you have to eat today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) *Now is a good time to call home. Don't dwell on your problems. Someone needs you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) *Loosen up. That includes your clothes. You are not the same size you were freshmen year.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) *Do not go home this weekend. It will

be more trouble than it's worth.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19) * Waiting 'til the last minute to study may have worked this time, but next time it will be a total disaster.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) *You and your mate need time apart. Quit smothering each other. Get off the phone and go out.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) *Missing an important meeting will cause you to miss the opportunity of a lifetime.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) *If you've been here more than six years, it's time to consider a lifestyle change and/or graduation.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) *Re-examine your time management. Try help from a digitalized source. If you let it happen, a close friendship could become something more.

VIRGO

LIFESTYLES

WHAT'S THE FLAVA?

Like the traffic in Houston, Rap-A-Lot Records has been in a jam to release all of their new productions. In fact, during the summer Rap-A-Lot released four albums within a month. Big Mello's "Wegonefunkwichamind" is the best of the four releases due to one factor, Big Mello.

On Big Mello's second attempt at rap, he is just what his name implies, Mello. Often referred to as the Barry White of hip-hop, Mello continues to deliver that same smooth, bass-heavy, jazzy, gumbo, funk. This time Mello even sings on a remake of the old Sly and the Family Stone tune, "Family Affair."

This production is packed with 17 tracks of southern flava. In the album's introduction Mello has a personal talk with God, thanking him for everything, from family and friends, to the "tight-white" interior in his Cadillac that he affectionately calls "the Slabber". "Afros & 84's" is a remake of the old school player's favorite "Gangster Whitewalls". This track is directed to the less fortunate in the hood, professing that, "although you may not have much, you can still stand tall."

The first single from this album is entitled "Wind Me Up" and when it was released it made a bang throughout the south. It appeared in the Houston Chronicle's top 10 for five consecutive weeks. "Highschool Kat" is one of Mello's sleazier songs in which, one of the guest M.C.'s, Dirt, flips the script on how he cruises in front of his old high school to pick up girls.

"Back Do' Akshun", my second favorite song, has a smooth piano run that is a definite asset to this piece. It also contains an intoxicating trumpet performance by Prairie View's own Mark Gordon.

Last but not least, my favorite track of all on this album, is the title cut "Funkwichamind". It has a chorus that you cannot avoid; "Swisher rolled tight, sittin' on white," is definitely embedded in the minds of Houston's entire young black population.

The Big Mello, Crazy C and Mike Dean production team made vast improvements since Mello's first album, "Bonehard ZAGGINS." The use of live instruments is an all out plus to the overall sound of the entire effort. It is also evident that more time was spent on removing impurities that usually reside in traditional southern hip-hop.

Mello, as an artist, has improved immensely. He has sharpened his lyrical quality and delivery and sometimes seems to be in the rap game for a cause as he gets ballistic on a couple of his pro-Black tracks.

From drug abuse to murder, this album has its share of negative vibes, but what hip-hop album would be complete without them? The redeeming factor is a message that says, "What comes around goes around."

Mello is from a Houston neighborhood dubbed by its residents, "THE BONEHARD HIRAM CLARKE." Madison High School, of which Mello is an alumnus, is where he said he experienced many of the situations that he uses for writing material. This is quite likely, since Hiram Clarke fosters 15 percent of the Houston metropolitan area's homicides.

Look for the Notorious B.I.G. in the next issue.

HOTEP!

Midnight Madness on the B-ball court



BY BRIAN KEHINDE
Panther Staff

Here's the hot question for this issue of The Panther - "What in the world is the attraction in playing basketball at midnight?" Inquiring minds want to know. While most Prairie View students are at home or in their dorm rooms asleep, these few but proud men lurk the basketball court beneath a blazing moon. Why

do they do it?

When asked what made them shoot hoops while their fellow classmates caught some z's, most of the men agreed on one thing--the weather advantage.

"At midnight, it's cool outside. It's usually 97 degrees or more in the daytime," said Marcus Jones, an electrical engineering major. "This way, we can play as long as we want and not dehydrate." Corey Lamb, also an electrical engineering major, felt the same way. "It gets too hot around here," he said. "I like to stay away from the sun."

Of course, the next obvious question would be - if you play at night, when do you have the time to sleep? Most of these guys just "fit it in" where ever they can. It might very well mean snoozing in class when the professor is teaching. And this time, it's not because the teacher is boring.

One young man expressed his thoughts concerning the fact that there is so much work that students need to do in the hours from 6p.m. to 10p.m., the only time they have left to play basketball is real late at night.

Prentice Denkins, an accounting major, said that he'd rather play basketball at night than do anything else, because it "keeps us out of trouble". That is a truth that can not be denied. It is definitely better for these brothers to sharpen their sports skills than drink or drive around doing nothing of value.

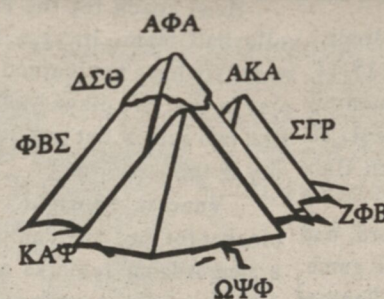
Perhaps it's good for their nerves. It has been proven that exercise does have a relaxing, calming effect for the mind and body, because it relieves pent-up stress. It may be a combination of all these things. But one thing is clear - when you devote so much energy to doing something positive for yourself, who needs another reason?

Can you see what I see?



by Gitonga M'bijjewe
PV student views a new reality in the BabyDome VR exhibit.

Greek Life



Delta Sigma Theta

Mr. 10 Interest Meeting for all
Males interested
Library- Sept. 27

25th Reunion for Eta Beta Chapter
Homecoming Festivities -TBA

Alpha Phi Alpha

Alta Vista College for Colored
Youths : The Key of Our
Future is to Know Our Past
Guest Speaker: Frank Jackson
AI Building- 7:30 -8 p.m.
Sept. 26

Alpha Kappa Alpha

AKA Week- Sex in the 90's
Harrington Science
Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m.

AKAROBICS - Oct. 4 - TBA

Kappa Alpha Psi

Miss Krimson & Kream Pageant
applications are still being accepted
Pageant -Oct. 26.

Throw Down in the Baby Dome
10 p.m. - Oct 15

Phi Beta Sigma

Congrats! Delta Theta Chapter of
Phi Beta Sigma Frat, Inc. just re-
cently received an award for having
the greatest number of graduated Sig-
mas in the Gulf Coast Region.

Sigma Gamma Rho

Date Rape Program in conjunc-
tion with Student Life
Wed- Sept. 27

Help Sigma Gamma Rho help a
needy family in Hempstead.

Jason's Lyric: The scoop

Sex, love, and violence. These three things that seem to make successful movies successful are all included in "Jason's Lyric".

This love story set in Third Ward, Houston tells of the classic struggle of a mother and brother fighting to save the alcoholic, drug-selling, and prison-time serving younger brother. In the midst of the poverty and violence Jason, portrayed by Allen Payne, finds and falls in love with Lyric, Jada Pinkett.

Lyric is tired of dating men from the "hood" who end up dead or in

jail and Jason must fight to win her affection by showing real chivalry that you can't save everyone, sometimes some men in the audience found to be a little unrealistic, but which the women loved.

The Texas accent was at times over-exaggerated and upset some people from who saw it, but if you can get past the accent it is a movie worth seeing.

Anthony "Treach" Criss, from Naughty by Nature, was Lyric's overprotective "gangsta" brother who turned out to be a fairly good actor.

The overlying theme was that you have to get out and "do for 'self", or as the movie poster says, "sometimes even heroes have to walk away."

Doug McHenry produced and directed this Gramercy release that also starred Forest Whitaker, Eddie Griffin, (of Def Comedy Jam and HBO's One Night Stand fame), and Bokeem Woodbine (star of HBO original movie "Strapped"), who played Jason's delinquent younger brother.

SPORTS

The lady panthers, back in shape

BY PAUL MASTERSON
Panther Reporter

The womens' volleyball team at Prairie View A&M University has been at the top of their game for some time now.

The SWAC Champions in 1992 and a top finisher at last year's tournament, the Pantherettes, (as they are 'called) are one of the most respected and admired women's teams in the SWAC.

This season has all of the

returning starters along with Coach Jocelyn Adams from last season's squad returning. The ladies have one quest for this season and that is to bring the SWAC trophy back to PV in 1994.

With all of these accomplishments, it would seem that a Lady Pantherettes game would be a top crowd drawer here at PV. Apparently not. In recent years the attendance to the Pantherettes home games has been on a steady decline.

"People just aren't coming out to give these ladies the backing they deserve," said Charles Goodman,

driver for the Pantherettes. "I've traveled with the ladies as their driver for four years and despite all the wins, the SWAC title, and countless other honors, all the ladies want is to walk inside the Dome to a packed crowd and win a game. They can't do that without the support of Prairie View," added Goodman.

The Pantherettes are striving for more impressive wins and the chance to recapture the glory they established in 1992. They can do it but they would like to do it with your support.

Fan support good, despite Panther loss

BY ERICA D. SANDERS
Panther Sports Reporter

The Panther volleyball team proved that there is still unfinished business to be conducted at the net.

The Lady Panthers dominated the first two matches 15-11 and 15-5, but, lost the remaining three matches Tuesday, Sept. 20 against the Texas Southern University Tigers.

Senior Katrice Offord, had 13 kills and 17 digs in the game. Offord has played for the Panther volleyball team since her freshman year.

"We're going to have to

change our style of playing. We cannot play soft. Our (PV) team has enormous talent. We will definitely become Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) champs this year," said Offord.

Head coach for the Panther volleyball team, Jocelyn Adams said, "We have not learned how to play to win. We played well in the first two games, but lost our intensity in the last three."

Vanessa Penright, middle-blocker for the Lady Panthers reiterated Adams' remarks and said, "We started out strong, but lost momentum."

Throughout the game, the

Lady Panthers out-performed TSU, with 22 team blocks, 69 kills, 224 total attempts, 65 assists, and 87 digs.

Senior Charlotte Williams, contributed 60 assists for the Panthers. "Panther Player of the Week", Judy Bryant, assisted the Lady Panthers with 17 kills, and 59 total attempts.

Despite, the Panthers loss to TSU, the overall team effort was astounding. The game was action-packed, and school spirit was prevalent. Offord said, "We (PV) perform better when school spirit is displayed. I hope students keep supporting us."

Player of the Week

This week's Panther of the week is Judy Bryant



Judy Bryant is Panther Player of the Week. A native from Kuntz, Texas, Bryant is a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering. A player on the Lady Panthers volleyball team, Bryant was a top scorer in the PV TSU game.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL SPORTS
DAILY SCHEDULE (1994-95)

LOCATION	SPORT / ACTIVITY	RECREATIONAL TIMES	REQUIREMENTS	COST
NEW GYM / BABY DOME	AEROBICS COED	MON-THURS 6-7 PM	RUBBER-SOLE SHOES	FREE
BABY DOME COMPLEX	RECREATIONAL SWIMMING	MON. & WED. 4:30-6:30PM	SWIM CAP MANDATORY	.50 W/ID & 1.00 WO/ID
BABY DOME COMPLEX	ADULT SWIMMING	TUE. & THURS. 5:00-6:30PM	SWIM CAP MANDATORY	1.00
NEW GYM	RACQUETBALL (S&D)	MON.- FRI. 5:00-9:30PM	EYE GOGGLES MANDATORY	STUDENT FACULTY STAFF ID
NEW GYM	TABLE TENNIS (S&D)	MON.- FRI. 5:00-9:00PM	RUBBER-SOLE SHOES	"
NEW GYM / OUTDOOR	6 ON 6 VOLLEYBALL (COED)	TUE. & THUR. 7:30-9:30PM	RUBBER-SOLE SHOES	"
NEW GYM	DOMINOES CHESS CARDS, ETC.	MON.- FRI. 5:00-9:00PM	HAVE FUN	"
TENNIS COMPLEX	TENNIS (S&D, COED)	MON. - FRI. 5:00-10:00PM	RUBBER-SOLE SHOES	"
SOFTBALL COMPLEX	SOCCER (MEN & WOMEN)	MON. - FRI. 5:00-9:30PM	RUBBER-SOLE SHOES	"
INTRAMURAL COMPLEX	DIRECTOR'S CLUB (COED)	WED 6:00-7:00PM	PROGRESS AT YOUR OWN PACE	"
INTRAMURAL COMPLEX	OUTDOOR TRACK & JOGGING	MON.- FRI. 5:00-9:00PM	HAVE FUN	"
NEW GYM	BASKETBALL (M&W, COED)	MON.- FRI. 5:00-9:00PM FULL COURT 5-7PM HALF COURT 7-9PM	NO DUNKING RUBBER-SOLE SHOES	"
SOFTBALL COMPLEX	SOFTBALL (M&W, COED)	MON.-FRI. 5:00-9:00PM		"
INTRAMURAL COMPLEX	HORSE SHOES (M&W, COED)	MON.-FRI. 5:00-8:00PM	HAVE FUN	"
INTRAMURAL COMPLEX	SENIOR CITIZEN / FAMILY NIGHT	FRI. 6:00-9:00 PM WEEKENDS 4:00-8:00PM	HAVE FUN	FREE
NEW GYM	TV, VCR. MOVIES	MON.- FRI. 5:00-9:00PM	HAVE FUN	STUDENT FACULTY STAFF ID
BABY DOME	WEIGHT ROOMS TRAINING	MON. - SAT. SEE SCHEDULE	GYM ATTIRE ONLY	"

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL SPORTS
SCHEDULE (1994-95) FALL

LOCATION	SPORT / ACTIVITY	ENTRIES OPEN	CLOSE ENTRIES	PLAY BEGINS	MANDATORY MEETING
SOFTBALL COMPLEX	1. FLAG FOOTBALL (LEAGUE)	SEPT.7	SEPT.17	SEPT.21	SEPT.21
NEW GYM	2. RACQUETBALL	OCT.1	OCT.7	OCT.12	OCT.7
NEW GYM	3. VOLLEYBALL	SEPT.14	SEPT.21	SEPT.27	SEPT.23
NEW GYM	4. TABLE TENNIS (MEN & WOMEN)	SEPT.14	SEPT.16	SEPT.20	SEPT.16
TENNIS COURT	5. TENNIS (MEN & WOMEN)	OCT.1	OCT.7	OCT.12	OCT.7
	6. (ARMY-NAVY) TOURNAMENT	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
SOFTBALL COMPLEX	7. SOCCER (ALL DIVISIONS)	NOV.2	NOV.8	NOV.18	NOV.8
TBA	8. HORSE SHOES (ALL DIVISIONS)	NOV.3	NOV.8	NOV.10	NOV.8
NEW GYM	9. CARDS, CHECKERS, CHESS, DOMINOES, TOURNAMENT	SEPT.7	NOV.16	SEPT.28	SEPT.20

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Cotton Bowl Classic

BY FRANK MCKINNEY
Panther Staff

In the wake of the Panthers 36 to 10 loss to Langston, fans as well as players are focusing their attention on that which is to come. On Saturday, Oct. 1, the Panthers will go head to head with the Tigers, of Grambling State University in the Cotton Bowl Classic.

Many fans are preparing to make the trip to Dallas on their own or through the office of student activities which has secured travel and housing for students who would like to attend

the game.

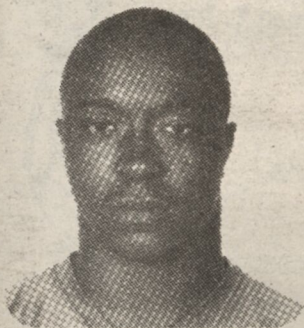
Meanwhile the Panther football team is taking full advantage of their scheduled opening on Sept. 24 to prepare for the Cotton Bowl Classic. The Panther defence will have to turn up the heat on their opponents while the offense continues to produce points if we are going to be victorious.

Come on out to the game, and cheer the Panthers on to victory number one against the Grambling Tigers.

For more information regarding travel and housing contact the office of student activities, ext. 2018.

All young ladies interested in playing basketball for the 1994-95 season should contact Bob Atkins at 2511.

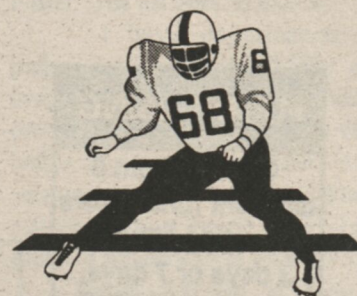
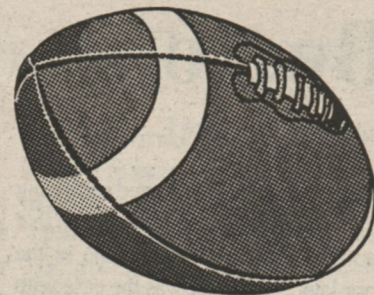
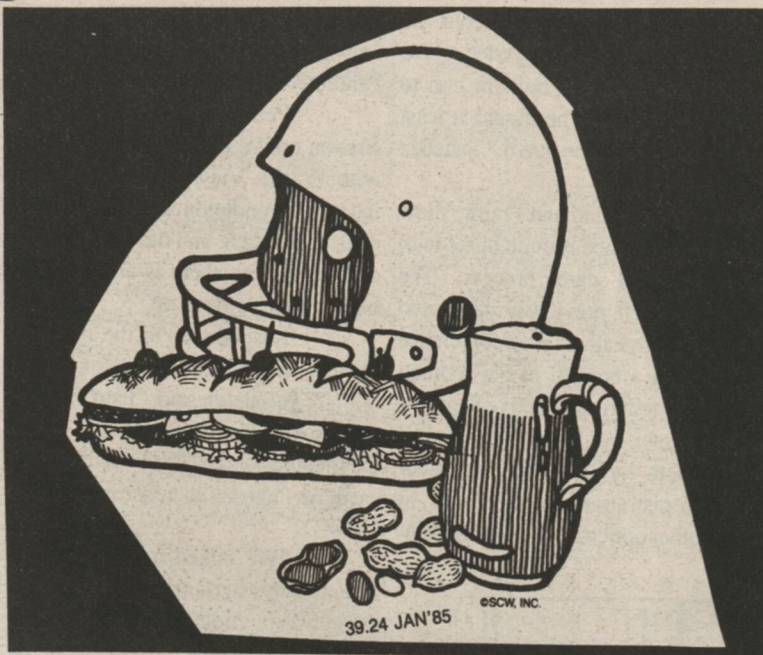
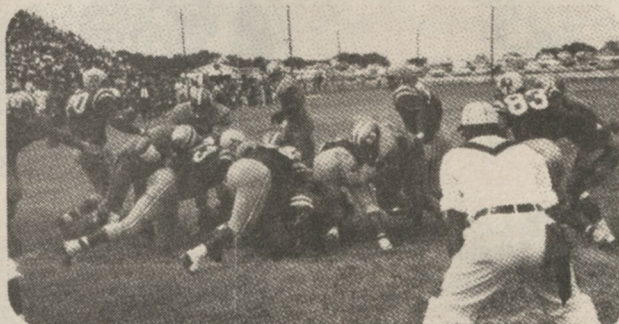
The Inside Scoop



Jerrold Crowder
6'2 204lbs LB
Sr. Houston, Tx.

"All that we (the team) got to do is get our mind set on what we're doing.

We have the talent to beat any team we go against. When we're out there playing, we aren't playing for the fans, we're playing for ourselves. The players are tired of these "so called" fans who only stay 'til half time is over. These are what you call fair weather fans and we don't need those type of people who congratulate us to our face and talk about us like dogs behind our backs. The only people who really support us are ourselves."



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selected. Although we started narrowing down the list, a possibility existed that another candidate might come in the door late... And that was the case with

Dr. Hines. He found out about the search late and was interested. We looked at his vita and brought him to campus and thought he should at least be interviewed by the board," Sanchez said.

Hempstead and Prairie View Minister's Alliance is quite upset with the presidential search process. The alliance, which previously supported Lester, recently called a press conference to announce a boycott of PV football games and activities effective Sept. 1 if neither Brown nor Lester was selected as president by then, but because of school registration, they decided to pursue other options. "We did not want

to hurt Prairie View's registration or enrollment," said the Rev. Walter Pendleton, a member of the alliance.

Pendleton said Lester and Brown, unlike Hines, are "connected" with Prairie View. "They have an interest," Pendleton said. "One was even reared here and the other went to school here, so there is an interest in building the campus up."

Responding to the question, "What connection do you have to Prairie View?" Pendleton said, "I am the great grandson of Rev. G.W. Wyatt," one of the first black legislators who helped to establish legislation regarding Prairie View.

"We talked to the board of regents weeks ago and we asked them if there was a hidden agenda. They distinctly told us they didn't have one. We came to find that there was another person [Hines] that was sought after. It was sort of displeasing to us for them to mislead us," Pendleton added.

Pendleton says that the board showed a total "disregard to the search committee, alumni association and everyone involved in selecting the four

candidates and narrowing them down to two candidates, before turning the matter over to the board." Pendleton is especially worried because this is not a first-time occurrence. The same thing happen when Becton was selected as president of the University, he said.

"I am not saying that Becton did not do a good job, just that they [the board] pick people they can manipulate. And when that happens we don't have control" over who is hired and how things are run, Pendleton said.

Pendleton is more concerned with the long term effects of the board's action. He said, "If the board keeps doing this, I fear that some day there won't be a Prairie View A&M, but a Texas A&M at Prairie View."

Pendleton said he is getting some "grief" because of his views and his statements. "Yesterday I was notified that I should not return to my job at KPVU," he said. Pendleton hosted a radio program each Saturday on KPVU.

Hines is a retired Army major general who is currently director of protection and health services with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington,

D.C. Lester is provost of Tuskegee University and Brown is dean of the School of Engineering at the University of the Pacific in California.

Hines' military background also concerns the alliance. "Many people in the community do not want another military man and we are tired of taking whatever we are given from up top," Pendleton said.

Alison Brisco, a member of the board of regents, reportedly said every effort has been made to make the presidential search an open process.

"We want to make sure everyone had an opportunity to meet the finalist," she told the Houston Defender.

"So the people who have been recommended to the board have been recommended to be interviewed after they spend a full day on campus meeting faculty, students, administrators, and community people. All of those people have had an opportunity to weigh in with each of the candidates who have come to campus... That has been the process, and I think it has been a good process and has produced three strong candidates," Brisco said.

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VIEWPOINTS



Dear Jaquita

Dear Jaquita,

My roommate and I get along well. You could say that we've even become friends. We both have agreed to bend and break the visitation rules on occasion. The thing is that I don't have sex when she's in the room, but she does when I'm in the room. She [they] get caught up in the moment or forget to turn the tape over sometimes. That's what bothers me. Do I have to listen to my roommate having sex???

Signed,
Forced to listen

Dear Forced to Listen,

Well, you said it yourself, you and your roommate are becoming

friends. Now's the time to test your friendship. Tell her that you don't want to hear her "Moments in Love" or *The Art of Her Noise*. Tell her to give you 20 minutes to fall asleep or wear your walkman to bed. But don't make a big deal out of it because you never know when your late night love will turn into a good morning good-bye!

Dear Jaquita,

I met this really nice young man. He has a nice car, a nice job and his own really nice apartment. I've known him for a month and he wants me to spend the weekend with him. He's never tried to take advantage of me, but I'm a freshmen and I've heard all the stories about upperclassmen and rape and all that, but there's just something about this guy that I really like. Should I go?

Signed,
Anxious and Unknowing

Dear Anxious and Unknowing,

There was just something about Jack the Ripper too. Go to the movies!

As if I cared

as if i cared
you never returned my calls
as if i cared
waiting here i stare holes into the wall
as if i cared
i folded up your clothes and put them in a box
as if i cared
sometimes just in case i keep my door unlocked
as if i cared
i watch you drive away at my window
as if i cared
i watch you still especially when you don't know
as if i cared
at the piano i play our song and cry
as if i cared
when i tell my heart no it feels like a lie
as if i cared it's over
as if i cared we're through
as if i cared
that you don't love me
the way i still love you.

Brian Kehinde

... 'Love comes in all colors'...

Dear Editor,

I too would like to share the experiences of one. One who has come to Prairie View A&M University 23 years after my graduation from high school, after spending two decades raising a family and taking care of a home. I was raised in a poor white area of Houston, and graduated from a predominantly white high school. I never encountered many Black people in my neighborhood and few in my social circles. Like many white persons I believed that black people were different from us, less intelligent, less structured, just less.

I chose to come to Prairie View A&M University because it was convenient to my home and because I could earn a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies here.

I wanted to become a teacher. Each day I work very hard, because contrary to the myth Black people are very intelligent, and Prairie View expects its students to excel.

I work 100 percent harder than some of my Black classmates, because it is required that I keep up.

I have learned so much from the students and faculty at Prairie View. I have learned that Black people are simply people, that Black teenagers act just like white teens. The music may be different, but everything else is the same. I have learned that love comes in all colors, shapes and sizes.

I have never been better treated in my life than I have at Prairie View A&M University. I love the campus, I have the utmost respect for some of the professors, Rev. Talley, Mr. Watson, Ms. McDavid, Professor Engedayehu, Mrs. Eustace, and Dr. Foster. The list goes on and on.

I have experienced no prejudice here at Prairie View, not even one little incident. I realize that it probably does exist, just as it does within all races of people, but I have seen no evidence of it. I am proud to be a student here at Prairie View. I am proud of the students at Prairie View.

We are all driven, at times, by the past. I do agree however that we should use the past as a stepping stone rather than a millstone around our necks. All races could benefit from that.

The students, faculty and staff at Prairie View have done a wonderful job of opening my eyes to the real world. They have made me feel important and respected. I have made friends here that I hope I never lose. For the first time in my life I feel that I am a well-rounded person.

If you see me walking along with my head down please do not think I am sad. I am probably just studying for the quiz coming up in my next class.

Leslie Madden-Ferdon

Student offers 'constructive criticism'

Dear Editor,

Why is it that you, Derald, a supposedly educated young man, with the position you hold as editor of our student body's news publication, can never seem to write anything positive, encouraging, or uplifting?

Ever since you attained the semi-prominent position of editor or managing editor (last semester), you have written negative editorials with some degree of profanity thrown in to help, I suppose, express your point.

Okay, everyone is familiar,

to some extent, with the First Amendment which grants free speech and freedom of the press. However, is it really necessary for you to use the editor's column to express your close-minded grievances and negative comments?

Yes, you are the editor of *The Panther*, but, as the editor, you have a responsibility to your fellow students, the administration, as well as those readers in the community who are not directly affiliated with Prairie View A & M University to write and express yourself tactfully.

OUR university is more than familiar with its faults and low points, but personally, I'm tired of your reiterating them at the beginning of each semester in this space.

So, Derald, please take this constructive criticism and think about it, and then think about the positive influence you could have on so many people by being a bit more aware of the words you write, because the written word is a powerful tool.

Sincerely,
Erica F. McBride

" WE WISH TO PLEAD OUR OWN CAUSE. TOO LONG HAVE OTHERS SPOKEN FOR US."

JOHN RUSSWURM, FREEDOMS JOURNAL, 1827

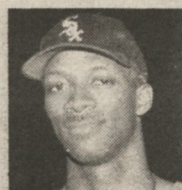


How do you feel about the U.S. intervention in Haiti?

Ali Anderson
Houston, Tx.
Mechanical Eng.

I feel that the United States has done well in that it has preserved the democratic way of life for Haiti and its surrounding countries, but

at the same time I feel that we are abusing our strength as the world superpower. Global intervention should be a United Nations effort, because when blood begins to spill it will be the blood of young American soldiers. Historically, whenever the United States has invaded another country, it has to be for some political benefit, and not the issue at hand. So what's the real reason that we're sending our military to Haiti?



Kim Bowie
Houston, Tx.
Junior
Architecture

War is always a dreaded thing. We know that where there is war, there is death. Although I don't know too much about the Haitian situation, I feel that the United States is a little late. So many people have already suffered, but here we come, months later to save the day. The United States is really sad when it comes to helping people. I think that we should go, but we are late!



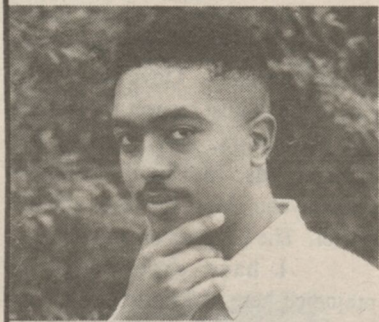
Troy Paul
Chicago, IL
Junior
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I am against U.S. intervention in Haiti because it has been more willing to invade nations of color more so than those of European descent. For instance the U.S. has invaded Haiti, Cuba, Somalia, Panama and Grenada without hesitation, while with countries like South Africa and Bosnia you will find the States have been very slow to respond, despite the very real injustices and heavy fighting that are taking place in these countries. Point blank! The U.S. invasion of Haiti is just another case where global racism has reared its ugly head.



VIEWPOINTS

'Can we all just get along?'



Derald D. Powell
Editor-in-Chief

can't please everybody, but even the organization with the second largest budget on campus, student activities, does not, and cannot please everyone on campus. I'm not saying this to down play, "dis", belittle, or be negative towards Student Activities.

At times I think I want to be like Rodney King and ask "Can we all just get along?"

This is to all organizations and entities on campus. The paper and the university is a microcosm of the real world, and I hope that one day we can reach the point where it's business and not personal. If I write something or print something in the paper that you do not agree with, all you have to do is write a letter to the editor, or talk to a member of *The Panther* staff, and your stuff will get in.

But, I'm extremely tired of people telling me it's my job to cover or send someone to cover every activity on campus. As I said earlier, it's business, and *The Panther's* striving to do better. Can we get some help? Help us, and we'll help you. Once again, if you're not part of the solution, you're

part of the problem. By just complaining you're not doing anything but making yourself feel better by downing other black people.

My purpose and the purpose of everyone dealing with the paper is to prepare themselves for a successful career in the future. For a second, just imagine how nice it would be to have all organizations working together on campus to build a better PV; where we're not competing with each other to the point where we lose sight that there are other people we will have to compete with outside of the university.

Whether people decide to help *The Panther* or not, it will still come out every two weeks, with or without your stuff. Remember, it's not personal on our part, but every year around budget fee allocation time it seems to be personal on the part of those controlling the money. Don't bite the hand that feeds you. That's hard to do when that hand keeps slapping you in the face, or tries to control everything you do.

"United we Stand, divided we fall." "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link." Quotes often heard and expressed on the PV's campus by faculty and student leaders. At a recent luncheon a student leader told me, "I won't help *The Panther* out because you all only cover what you want to cover." I came back with the argument that I was trying, and she could make things better by helping me out instead of talking crazy to me. It seemed to me that she had taken some of *The Panther's* coverage, or lack of coverage, personally.

Well, I'm truly sorry that we

Panther

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from prison in 1983 as a result of international groups waging a large support campaign on his behalf. he has since been active in community organizing, anti-racism issues and

actions against police brutality.

Ervin is currently dedicating his time to public speaking as well as to the completion of his autobiography, *Years of Struggle, Years of Death: The Lorenzo Ervin Story*, to be working to build a national network of community organizers as well as the newly-formed Federation of Black Partisans.

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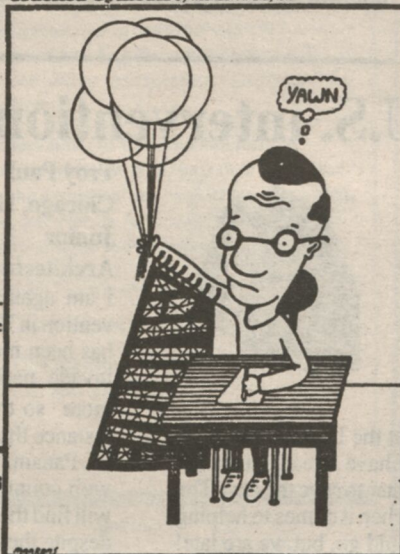
Comedy Corner

Cracked Cymbals by Michael A. Slayton



"Now remember, your prescription is very strong. If you look directly into the sun, your head will catch fire."

Cracked Cymbals by Michael A. Slayton



"...and with elaborate means would keep my hand raised in silent perpetuity as testimony to my undeniable genius."

Blast From The Past



real players

It's me again

You told me you cared,
You said you would always be there,
Just when I need you most,
Just when I want to get close.

Where are you now?
I need to reach you, but how?

If you aren't here, you're elsewhere.
I never see you to touch you
But you continuously say you care.
If love is blind, I can't see
But I can feel the pain you are causing me.

Where has the time gone?

Where are the feelings we shared?
Have they left forever? Or were they ever there?
I've had sleepless nights, thinking of you,
Wondering if you feel as I do.

No one can take your place,
Nothing can feel this empty space.

My heart is lonely,
My soul is empty,
My mind is filled with thoughts,
I'm caught up in a fantasy,
True love is what I sought.

Just when I was ready to be more
than a friend,
Your feelings changed, now we're
back where we began.

La Shonda Williams

Panther Problem Solver

Q. Dear Panther Problem Solver,
I'm a foreign student attending Prairie View A & M University. This is my first year here and I cry everyday because I miss the warmth of my home. Everything is so different here. People are so selfish and they are always busy. They never have time to transmit love, kindness, and friendship. I want an education but I also want to enjoy my education process. What should I do to continue my studies at Prairie View?

Seeking Smiles on campus

A. Dear Seeking Smiles,

Do not take what people do too personal. Try to make the best of what you already have. Talk to your roommates, providing you get along with them. If you do not, there are others who are friendly on the campus, you

just have not run across them yet. Get to know more people by getting involved, maybe by going to church on Sunday. Always remember that true friends are like diamonds, precious and rare. False friends are like leaves, you find them everywhere. Continue to do well in your classes and stop worrying about the unfriendly people on this campus.

Q. Dear Panther Problem Solver,

I would like to pledge a fraternity, but I can't decide on which to choose. All the male figures in my family do not belong to any brotherhood, therefore there are no influences present. So how can I go about finding information about each fraternity to help me decide which one to pledge?

Seeking Brotherhood

A. Dear Seeking Brotherhood,
There are four fraternities and several non-greek fraternities on campus. All contain what you are looking for, which is brotherhood. Pledging goes deeper than just wearing some greek letters across your chest. You have to be committed and willing to follow the purpose and goals outlined by the organization that you pledge. Find out what that particular organization can do for you as well. Do some research by attending functions sponsored by different organizations and ask questions. You will be able to narrow your selection and finally be able to choose.

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